

# The Contest JUG



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Tastes Like Wild Hickory Nuts

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## THE ZACK IS BACK

With some fine operations in All Asian CW behind us, we can now look forward to two BIG contest events for the NCCC: the California QSO Party and the ARRL November Sweepstakes. CQP Chairperson W6OAT will hold forth on that Club-sponsored extravaganza at length at the meeting on Sept. 22; think seriously about attending if you plan to go all out for this one. Details on what calls to look for in which counties, etc., could be quite useful!

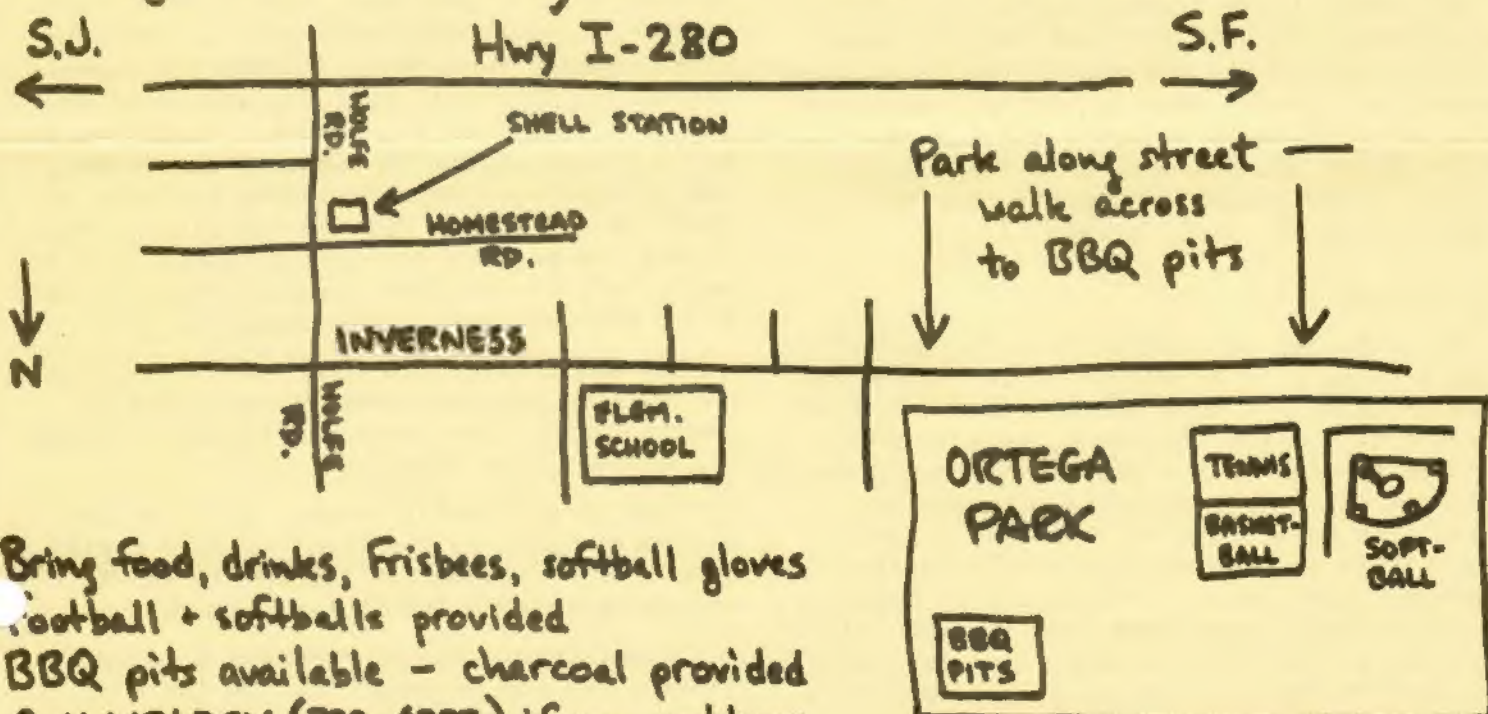
Since Sweepstakes will be our major Club effort this year, the BoD decided to add some extra spice to ARRL's awards program. A handsome trophy (not to be confused with the Con-tester-of-the-Year Award) will go to the NCCC

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## PREVIEW OF COMING DISTRACTIONS

Sept. 14	1st Annual NCCC Picnic, Sunnyvale, 12 noon till dark
16	NCCC Net Mini-Contest, 3815 kHz CW, 7:30
20-21	VE/W Contest (see Aug. QST)
20	Operating Technique Comparison Session, W6OWQ, 3:30-6:30
22	NCCC Club Meeting, American S&L Bldg, Hayward, 7:30
Oct. 4-5	California QSO Party (sponsored by NCCC)
11-12	ARRL CD Party (phone)
11-12	VK/ZL Contest (see Sept. QST)
25-26	CQ WW DX Test (phone)
27	NCCC Club Meeting, American S&L Bldg, Hayward, 7:30

NCCC Picnic - Sunday, September 14  
Ortega Park, Sunnyvale - noon till dark



Bring food, drinks, Frisbees, softball gloves  
Football + softballs provided  
BBQ pits available - charcoal provided  
Call WB6DSV (739-4233) if any problems



## ANOTHER MINI-CONTEST

Who said a mini-contest was Mickey Mouse stuff? Our first attempt in July went off so well that we're gonna try it again this coming Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 on 3815 kHz or so. But this one will be CW (presumably excluding A2) and should virtually destroy what little is left of 75-meter minds.

Basically, once again the game will be to work as many other NCCC'ers as possible within the 5-minute time period. If you'd like to participate, either as a butt-kicker or merely hit-and-run, check into the NCCC net between 7 and 7:30 (informal) and our genial Nut Control W6RGG will explain the rules.

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member producing the highest combined (CW + phone) SS score. Should be quite a battle for this one! In addition, 16 certificates are up for grabs: one for 1st, 2nd and 3rd (again, combined scores) in each of the five ARRL sections within Club territory; and one for Most Improved Operator. For further information regarding these Club awards, come to the Sept. 22 meeting. We are also beginning the process of lining up stations and operators, so bring your offers/desires to that meeting as well. THINK SS #1!

Many tnx are due rx-pert WB6AIN for an FB technical talk and some much-appreciated testing & alignment aid last month (not to mention honchoing the All Asian contest). Dean, you're super!

September is positively loaded with NCCC activities. Be sure to check out the complete scoops re the 1st Annual Picnic in Sunnysvale and the Operator Technique Comparison Session at W6OWQ in Belmont, details of which appear elsewhere in this star-studded issue. I now return you to the Star Stud himself. -- 73, Bill, WB6CEP

## OTC SESSION

No, this has nothing to do with the Old Timers Club; it's an Operating Technique Comparison Session. Last month we had a special meeting to compare equipment, so this month we have one to compare operating techniques. The idea is to give everyone a chance to learn from each other while having a good time. This is a do-your-own-thing meeting: operate, watch others operate, or do both. The VE/W Contest has been very conveniently revamped so that the 24-hour CW contest ending at 0000 UTC Saturday is immediately followed by the 24-hour phone contest. Thus

both modes of operation will be available in a domestic contest -- a perfect opportunity to test techniques you will be using in the Cal QSO Party and especially Sweepstakes.

Where: W6OWQ (401 Briarfield Way, Belmont; phone 593-4229).

When: Saturday, Sept. 20, 3:30 to 6:30.

Directions: Turn off Bayshore Freeway at Ralston Ave. exit (Belmont), heading west. Turn right at 1st stop light and continue on to Briarfield Way; turn right again. Tower and antennas are pretty easy to spot once you are off the freeway.

Bring your own key (if you prefer) and some liquid refreshments. -- WB6CEP

## NEXT CLUB MEETING: SEPT. 22

Cap'n Billy's Whizbang Traveling Circus & Salvation Show will present its next revival meeting on Monday, Sept. 22, at our customary gathering QTH: American Savings & Loan Bldg, 22533 Foothill Blvd, Hayward. Time: 7:30 PM sharp. Please be prompt, as there will be much ground to cover. Major topics: the Cal QSO Party and the ARRL November SS.

The AS&L Bldg is in downtown Hayward between A and B Sts; ample parking in the rear (use B St. entrance to municipal parking lot). Enter building from rear and ascend to 2nd floor.

## CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY

Unless you've been hibernating for the past several months, you know that the NCCC-sponsored California QSO Party will be held the first weekend in October. Under the demonic leadership of W6OAT, this one should be an event to linger in the memory! Rusty has all but a couple of the 58 counties in the bag, not to mention commitments from hundreds of Sixes from Crescent City to San Diego. Publicity has been exceedingly thorough, but it would help if NCCC'ers would continue to talk it up with any Sixes they happen to QSO.

And don't forget to look for the mobiles who will be tooling around from county to county during that weekend. WB6CEP (+ W1ARR and WB6DSV), for example.

Most of all, don't forget to get on the air and participate to the limit of your available time! We're sponsoring this thing and it behooves us to turn out in big numbers.

In addition, the CQP provides a natural tune-up for the November SS. So let's go to it -- and send W6KYA those logs.



## CHRISTMAS/AWARDS BANQUET

Thinking Christmas in early September? We have to, because reservation guarantees are always required. At the recent BoD meeting, it was tentatively decided to hold the 1975 Banquet on the night of Friday, Dec. 19. QTH's mentioned: Rick's Swiss Chalet or Zorba's. Wherever we wind up, W6KHI's job will be made easier if you let him know your intentions ASAP.

## NOBLE SENTIMENTS

From a W6AJY editorial in the August issue of Worldradio News:

On the night of 28 July I attended a meeting of the Northern California Contest Club. Talk about zip and zing. Holy Toledo! What spirit.

And, while the club has quite a few "big guns," they certainly didn't tell the little guns to "eat dirt." Quite the contrary. The more knowledgeable are telling the others "how to do it," and there are work parties to put up towers and antennas for each other. This club has a real "team spirit." It was a pleasure to be there. It's a good-natured club with all ages represented. What a cross-section -- the mature physician (there with his son) to the most recent member, a 14-year-old General. (How 'bout that?)

If they could only bottle up the spirit of that club and ship it to the others. WOW!

Tnx for the kind words, Armond. And take a bow, NCCC'ers!

## NEW MEMBERS

WA6BMV	Jim Pratt 2024 Otis Drive Alameda, CA 94501 phone (H) 522-3178
K4IRQ/7	Gary D. Elliott 1143 Wesley Drive Reno, NV 89503 phone (H) 702-747-1263
WB6JGS	Harold J. Wilkinson 982 Pocatello Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94087 phone (H) 408-245-4206 (B) 415-969-0880
DJ6RX/W6	Klaus Heintzenberg 293 Tradewinds Drive #4 San Jose, CA 95123 phone (H) 408-227-4026 (B) 408-256-4675

Jim, WA6BMV, joined at the July meeting.

Licensed 2 years, he's using an HW16, some Heath and Gonset VHF radios, a 14AVQ vertical, longwire, and 11 elements on 2.

Gary, K4IRQ/7, is retired from the Navy after a career that saw him signing such calls as W7UXP, KM6CB, CN8FH, DU1ZAB, W7UXP/KH6 (Kure), KH6HCM and K4IRQ. He's got an Extra and has won all sorts of awards in the CQ WW, ARRL and AA DX Test, to mention a few.

Harold, WB6JGS, is the brother of WA6DIL. On the plus side, however, he has an S-Line, SB200 (that's one station), Galaxy V and remote VFO (that's two) and an Atlas 180 mobile rig (that's three). Aerials include inverted vees, a 14AVQ and a 3L tribander "in garage." Harold works for H-P in Mountain View.

Klaus, DJ6RX/W6, has an Extra, has been license 15 years and works for IBM in San Jose. Holder of many CQ WW and WPX Test awards, he's using a Drake Line, SB200, 2K4, CL33, inverted vees and verticals, not to mention some 2-meter gear.

Glad to have you aboard, mates!

Roster change:

W6LPM	271 N. San Tomas Aquino Rd. Campbell, CA 95008 phone (H) 408-378-5199 (B) 415-493-4141
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## ALL ASIAN CW SCORES (DE WB6AIN)

To the delight of about a million JA's, the All Asian CW Test was held Aug. 23-24, 1975. Some W6's were also delighted . . .

W6OKK (+ WB6DSV)	M/S	92,232	854-108
K6HIH (+ WB6CEP)	M/S	83,304	801-104
WLARR/6 (+ WB6ION WA6VEF)	M/S	77,832	828-94
WA7NIN (+ WA6HAF VE7ZZ)	M/S	70,231	889-79
W6OAT (+ ?)	M/S	8,750	175-50
W6PAA	A/S	106,362	933-114
W6ZT	A/S	13,520	260-52
K6AYA	A/S	5,800	200-29
WA6JVD	A/S	5,100	150-34
K6AQ	80	?	? ?
VE7AUA/W6	40	?	260-?
WB6AIN/6	20	26,450	529-50
WA6LHN (K6EBB)	20	22,678	493-46
W6AM (W6BHY)	20	17,716	412-43
W6RGG/6	20	12,560	314-40

Other scores of interest: W7RM (K7VPF) A/S 128,820 1130-114 for a new single-op record; K6SDR 15 1,694 77-22. Besides Chip's W7RM effort, looks like new multiop record from W6OKK and 20M record from WB6AIN/6. Not bad considering the sunspot lack!



BUREAU BEAT (DE CEP DSV GSN KHI SG)

K6KLY hrd bombing into the Bay Area from Slide Mt., NV, in VHF QSO Party. WA6VEF hrd running them quite nicely in same. Gary will be on from Placer County in the CQP. ... WA6-AHF having arm/shoulder miseries; heal soon, Rubini! ... WA6TQK is back on again and also the daddy of 8-1b 15-oz Robert Christopher, born 8/11 ... W1ARR/6, still fuming about losing the linear 4 hours and 300 QSO's into the AA, seeks nice station (preferably in EB) for SS operation. WA6NLO seeks same; Stu near completion of design of FB memory keyer.

W6MAV hopes Triex will finally come thru with his new tower soon. ... Super-QRL WB6-CEP considers replacing his fuses with solid copper discs, hopes to solve FT101 rx problems before the multi-single mobile operation in the Cal QSO Party. ... W6NLZ and helper WA6GSN laying concrete this week for Pete's tower (110' minimum), which will be supporting, among other monstrosities, an 80-meter quad. Mitch appends a plea for more members to get active on the Club repeater. ... WB6-DSV advises that our printer is back from vacation, so it's time to order/reorder QSL cards.

W6RNF boasts a new Collins S-Line. ... K6LWT at work on phased loops for 20/15/10. ... K6ILM has xtals for 450 to lend. ... Susie, XYL of W6KHI, passed the Novice code exam. Dennis's DXCC also arrived. And our good Sec/Treas pleads that delinquent NCCC members please send in their \$6 assessments or by-law ballots.

W6KYA would like to know if anyone has ideas for getting Cal QSO Party certificates printed. John received 1st-place trophy in

1974 ISSB'ers QSO Party. ... WA6JVD advised K6SG that K6KWN is building a 300W CW amp and will be in there in the CQP; ditto W6ZGM of Yuba City. K6SG has finished a 2nd linear with a pair of 400A's GG and also has two potential new NCCC members on the hook. ... WA6HAF is considering a move to an antenna farm.

NCCC NET QNI FOR AUGUST (DE W6RGG)

4 -- WB6JGS WA6JVD W6RGG K6UWR. 3 -- WB6-DSV WA6GJH (WA6VEF) WA6HAF K6HIH W6KHI. 2 -- WA6DIL K6ILM K6KM WA7NIN W6ZRJ. 1 -- WB6AIN K6AQ VE7AUA/W6 W6BB (WB6CEP) WA6GSN/6 K6LWT W6NJU W6NUT W6OAT W6OKK K6OZL W6PAA K6RM W6-RNF DJ6RX/W6 WA6UZA W6ZM W6ZT. RGG reports 61 QNI from 32 different members (plus one guest) -- an encouraging statistic!

The NCCC net meets weekly at 7:30 local on or about 3815 kHz; an informal bull-session begins at 7. All are welcome to check in.

BULLETIN BOARD

FOR SALE: SBE-34, SB2-LA (linear amp), code adapter. Best offer (WB6DSV, 408-739-4233).

... WANTED: SB-301 (W6PAA, 364-3373 or 408-249-5500).

**Japanese Ham Radio**

Tokyo

Japan has replaced the United States as the world's ham radio capital.

The number of ham radio stations in Japan rose to 289,247 in March, the Postal and Telecommunications Ministry reported yesterday, surpassing the U.S. total of just over 278,000.

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NEXT JUG DEADLINE: OCT. 13 AT NOON.

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SPECIAL SS INSERT #1  
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For the eyes of in-territory NCCC members ONLY! Mum's the word!

This is a special page being sent ONLY to in-territory Club members. So far as we can tell, neither of the big East Coast clubs realizes just how close the NCCC is to pulling off the contest miracle of the century. We'd like to keep it that way till Nov. 24!

At the Board meeting last Thursday night we went through the entire roster to realistically predict who would get on at his own station, what stationless operators might be placed in which stations, etc. After eliminating out-of-territory members and people we haven't seen or heard from in many months, we totaled up the scores we felt the remaining NCCC'ers could put together.

If every member comes through with his best effort, we can total 12.5 million points! (The winning club score last year was 8.6 million.) Even allowing for a less-than-perfect turnout plus some visits from Murphy, THIS CLUB HAS AN EXCELLENT SHOT AT 10 MEG AND 1ST PLACE IN THE SS CLUB COMPETITION!

Look at it this way: if 25 "big" stations make 200K (both modes combined) and 40 "little" stations make 100K, that's 9 meg. How many stations in this club do you suppose are incapable of making 50K per mode with any kind of decent operating effort? I'd say none! We're talking about, say, 384 QSO's in 65 sections -- a contact rate of only 16 per hour.

And how many stations with at least a tribander at 50 feet or better, plus something decent on 40 or 80, could not average 100K per mode? VE7AUA/W6 broke 100K on CW last year operating 20 meters only! Considering that our Club broke the 100-member mark several months ago, we ought to be able to muster at least 25 + 40 = 65 stations. Then, when you realize that several stations will score close to 400K, a lot of "big" stations will break 250K and a lot of "little" stations will break 150K, 10 meg doesn't seem all that tough to make.

So what's the big hangup? EVERYBODY HAS

GOT TO PITCH IN AND DO HIS SHARE! If you can't get on for a big effort yourself, go multi or invite a guest operator -- particularly if you have a good station. I know that everyone in this Club is super-busy with other things (I am, too), BUT let's all make it a point to participate in this one big Club event and push the NCCC over the top.

LET'S BREAK EAST-COAST CLUB DOMINATION OF THE SS! LET'S PULL OFF THE CONTEST MIRACLE OF ALL TIME! LET'S WIN THAT GAVEL, SYMBOL OF SWEEPSTAKES SUPREMACY!

## Sweepstakes Co-Chairmen and Coordinators

This year we're more organized so far as lining up stations, operators, extra gear, spare antennas, etc., is concerned. As noted in the July JUG, SS co-chairmen are WA6DIL (east of the Bay) and WB6DSV (west of the Bay). However, to take the heavy load off these guys we've gone one step further and divided the Club into nine areas. Each area will have its own Sweepstakes Contest Coordinator (SSCC'er).

The SSCC'er in your area is the person to contact if you need a station, are looking for a spare tribander, sloper or receiver, would like to go multi or invite a guest op -- that is, if the SSCC'er hasn't called you first! These phone calls are local, in most cases, so don't hesitate to give your coordinator a buzz:

San Francisco: W6KHI, Dennis, 564-9683; or W6RNF, Greg, 731-4577. AIN BIP DJI ILM MBB OAT ZT.

Upper SCV: W6PAA, Ken, 364-3373. AUA CFJ DC ISQ KBK KLY KZJ OWQ QAX RQC RS TKM ZUO.

Middle SCV: WB6LPK, Bruce, 967-0194. BVY CQF CXF ERT GFJ JZU LWT OOL RFF.

Lower SCV: WB6DSV, George, 739-4233; or W6OKK, Pat, 241-4637. AQ CVU DXV EBB EXW GFS HJP HRS JGS LHN LPM LU NLG NLZ RGR RX SII SSJ UZA VVA WEI ZRJ ZX.

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Lower East Bay: W6RGG, Bob, 537-6704. AHF  
BMV GSN ION ITD QGW RM TQK VEF UWR.

Upper East Bay: WB6CEP, Bill, 841-9689.  
ARR AUC BH IPC MAV NLQ.

East Bay East: WA6DIL, Dave, 687-2419.  
ABK AHV HTH JUD UZX ZM.

SV, SJV & NV: K6SG, George, 916-944-3838,  
or write to George Leone, 3631 Kiekebusch  
Ct., Carmichael, CA 95608. AYA HAF IRQ JVD  
KWN KYA NIN NJU NKR OZL ZGM.

San Luis Obispo: We expect a new SLO con-  
tingent to join if and when our new by-laws  
are approved, shifting the Club center a  
little farther south.

#### Guest Ops and Multiops Already Set to Stomp

While we hope to have a lot more of these  
worked out by the September meeting, we  
thought you might be interested to see who's  
already lined up with what station for the  
SS. If you're not on the list yet, why not  
call your SSCC'er and get on board!

K6AQ (will be operated by DJ6RX), W6BB  
(WB6IPC), W6BIP (+WA6DJI), K6CQF (WB6CEP),  
WB6DSV (WA6CVU CW, W6OKK phone), WA6GFY  
(WB6EXW), W6JZU (WB6AIN), K6LU (VE3DXV),  
WA7NIN (W6OAT), W6NLZ (WA6GSN), W6OKK (+  
WB6DSV both modes), W6OWQ (W6PAA CW, pos-  
sibly OWQ/PAA phone).

#### The SS Handbook

Something new! The NCCC has its own SS  
Handbook this year -- a compilation of hints  
& kinks on how to improve your SS score.  
This unusual publication will be available  
at the Club Picnic next Sunday; thereafter  
you can borrow a copy from your local SSCC-  
'er free of charge.

73,

*Bill*

Bill, WB6CEP